

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 72 – HB 85

February 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Deletes the requirement that a blind, deaf, hard of hearing, or physically disabled person, who is being led or accompanied by a dog guide, provide for inspection of guide dog training credentials by any place of public accommodation, amusement, or recreation. Requires a dog guide to be under the control of its handler in such places.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (002867): Authorizes a place of public accommodation to ask a person to remove a dog guide or dog guide in training from the premises if the dog guide or dog guide in training is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, or if it is not housebroken.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Revising service dog requirements in places of public accommodation to conform to federal regulations implementing Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) or its programs.
- Any increase in inquiries for THRC can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Authorizing a place of public accommodation to have a dog guide or dog guide in training removed from the premises if it is out of control or not housebroken will not have a fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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